

# SAFETY ON THE LINE

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*"If Columbus had turned back, no one would have blamed him. Of course, no one would have remembered him either." - Unknown*

## What's your Safety Attitude?

We all think we have a good attitude when it comes to safety. Right! After all we've all heard the safety slogans and advice, or have been involved in various safety campaigns. But have you ever known a relative or friend who has had a serious injury or accident? All of a sudden your attitude changes. You double check your equipment and procedures. You think about what you are doing. You are more alert and pay attention to your surroundings. Why wait until something happens? **Now is the best time to develop a good safety attitude!**

### Five steps to develop a good Safety Attitude.

1. Focus – **Focus on what you are doing.**
2. Time - **Take time to do the job right.**
3. Think - **Don't let others influence your decisions.**
4. Responsibility – **Take responsibility** even when "it isn't my job."
5. Risk – **Weigh the risks** of how you plan to accomplish a job.

A good safety attitude can become a habit! Your attitude towards safety affects everyone around you. You can make excuses, but in the end, it makes a lot more sense to have a good safety attitude.

### What is OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program?



- VPP is a cooperative effort between OSHA, employers, employees, and unions that recognizes and rewards exemplary S&H programs which go beyond Federal Law.
- There are 3 levels of VPP – STAR, Merit, and STAR Demonstration. Once all of the VPP requirements are met, a site will be designated a STAR site which is OSHA's highest level of recognition.
- The NASA-KSC S&H Program was initially evaluated by OSHA in July 2003, and was officially recognized as a STAR site on February 2, 2004.
- The NASA-KSC S&H Program will be re-evaluated by OSHA on May 21-25, 2007.

### KSC Pedestrian Safety



KSC has many crosswalks to allow pedestrians to safely cross roadways. Recently there have been a number of instances of unsafe behavior by pedestrians, such as, not crossing at crosswalks or not yielding to the right of way to vehicles.

#### Remember to:

- Cross at crosswalks, otherwise yield to traffic.
- Cross roadways at right angles, don't cut across diagonally
- Use extra caution during reduced visibility or low-light conditions
- Let drivers know your intentions, wave them on if you plan on letting them pass before you cross



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